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Reports on the assessment of the Mulberry cultivation.

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No. 141. Chittledroog Division
Superintendent's Office.

To.

The Secretary to the Commissioner
of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
your Circular No. 89 of the 4th Instant, calling on me for
report upon the points marginally noted, together with such
general statistics regarding the nature of the imposts
the Silk Trade.

2 In reply I beg to submit for the information
of the Commissioner the accompanying Statement prep
by my Duftar shewing the particulars of the extent of la
under Mulberry Cultivation, and the rates of assessment
paid on the same for the Year 1861/62, from which it will
be observed that Rupees 12,141-2-9 was the total amoun
of Sundayem assessed on 857 Candies 12 Seedoos and 8 Sees
of land, paying at the various rates of Rupees 26-4-0
Rs. 25-6-8- Rs. 23-5-4- Rs. 17-8-0- Rs. 16-0-8- Rs.
15-15-0- Rs. 14-9-4- Rs. 11-10-8- Rs. 10-0-0- Rs. 8-12-0
Rs. 5-13-4- Rs. 5-8-0- per Candy of 14,100, and 10,000 Squ
Yards.

3 The difference in the rates of the Tax on the
Wet and dry lands, I am informed is consequent on a
abatement made by Major Dobbs, in the rates
which existed before, and which were complained of as
densome to the Ryotts.

4 The gross quantity of Silk exported from
this Division in 1861/62 was 1045 and odd maunds
valued

1. The extent of land under Mulberry Cultivation.
2. The Assessment on such land, and the principle
it is based on.
3. The sales here on Silk Cocoons, and whether they
are paid by Silk growers who also hold Pun
bergy lands.

lued at Rupees 107080-13-9 and on which Sayer duty
the extent of Rupees 5355-6-4 was paid -

There are no distinct Silk Looms in this Di-
vision - The Spinning Wheels employed by Ryotts
ning Mulberry lands are not taxed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed.t Serv.t,

Toomkoor
22.nd August 1862.

W. M. Hutchins
Off.g Superintendent.

No. 480

Superintendents Office
Attacoopah 15th September 186

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The Secretary to the Commissioner
for the Government of the Centoors
of the Rajah of Mysore
Bangalore.

Sir

I have the honor to report on the several points enumerated in your Circular letter No. 89 dated the 4th ultimo relating to the cultivation of the Mulberry as affecting the Manufacture of Silk in this Division.

2. The extent of land under Mulberry cultivation in the whole Division exclusive of the Gellundoor Jaghier and Enam Villages is about 4500 acres yielding Rs. 13555-6-4 Candoyem as shewn in the last-years Jamabundy accounts of which an abstract is given in the Margin. This land is scattered over 7 Taloks, but my Remarks are confined to two of them viz Muddoor and Ragmunglum where I have lately visited as I propose reporting on the others separately hereafter.

Between Candies	Equals Acres	Amount Rs as P.
238.	5-3/4	5151. 5297. 15-0
640.	0 1/2	1322 1/2 8035-3-2
25.	9 3/4	52 1/2 222. 6-2
		4526. 13555-6-4.

Amounts to abstract Rs 13555-6-6 Copied at Rs 13555-6-4 The balance in Enam Villages is not known.

3. The state of the Taloks records is such that in Ragmunglum it was with some difficulty that the Jamabundy

Gaikwars

Goshwara of the last few years could be obtained and as the additional information to be derived did not appear to compensate for further delay a mere general outline of the progress of this cultivation can be given.

4. In 1834/35 the Returns of land under Mulberry cultivation in Muddoor was 85 Candies 6 Colgas and 7 Manas, all of which was wet-land assessed at an average rate of 15 Rupees and in 1852/53 the aggregate extent was about 240 Candies assessed at Rupees 3800 which has nearly doubled in the last 9 years as shewn in the Margin.

In Nagamangalam the Mulberry Cultivation in 1855/56 was only 25-3/4 Candies bearing an assessment of Rs. 361 but it has risen to 53 Candies assessed at Rs. 1043-12-10 during the last 6 years.

5. There is no record or tradition to shew that originally any special rate having relation to the nature of the cultivation was imposed in either Taluk.

6. The following Table exhibits the items of the increase in Muddoor since 1834/35.

Particulars	Wet land Beegahs C	c	Gs	Amount Rs	a	p	Dry land Beegahs C	c	Gs	Amount Rs	a	p	Total amount Rs	a	p
Beegah lands newly taken up	188	12	11½	2237	1	9	23	6	8½	990	14	8	3228	4	
Puttole lands converted into Candeyeen	127	10	15½	1836	5	10	18	13½		29	14	3	1866	4	

* Wet — 221 Candies 3057 Rs.
Dry — 19 " 150 "
Total 240 " 3800 "

* Assumption in 1862/63 3800.
1862/63 1114 5½

By measurement of lands...	1	9	3¾	27	1	7	a	9	9	25	3	9	52	5	
By increased rates charged in consequence of the lands being converted into Mulberry Cultivation	46	7	2¾	741	3	11	4	9	12¾	163	7	7	904	11	
Total	364	a	11	4842	13	1	29	4	9¾	1209	8	3	6052	5	

1. The cultivation being now extended to every description of land a great inequality in the rates is a necessary condition arising from the following circumstances. The lands may be divided into.

Kadeem — 1st occupied before the Assumption of the Country.

Indeed — 2nd Cheedsale or assessed lands since taken up.

3rd Anadi Bunjur or unassessed waste lands since assessed and let out.

4. the rates into four classes i.e

1st Rewaz.

2nd Himsaya

3rd Mijala

4th Potapoti.

which give a minimum number of 48 different assessments for the descriptions of lands named in the margin) increased by subdivisions of the classes of rates to 700 of which 62 are applicable to lands at present cultivated with Mulberry according to the accompanying table of Mudoor Sa Coo Rs.

* 1 Dry
? Bunjur or half wet
3. Wet
4 Garden.

8 In Nagamangalum the rates of the lands now under Mulberry Cultivation are fewer i.e Rs. 8–11–8–11–10–3–14–8–9–17–7–4 and 29–1–6 per Candy of 10,000 Square yards whether Puree or Koosalkie perhaps owing to more decided traces of Porumbo Survey. The general average of both Taloks is

	Muddoor Nagamangalum	
	Per acre	Per acre
	Rs. As P.	Rs. As P.
Highest	29–10–6.	13–9–7
Lowest	1–1–0.	4–1–3
Average	6–1–8.	9–8–0.

However objectionable the Multiplicity of rates is the objection is not confined to Mulberry cultivation but extends to all lands and can only be corrected by a general Survey. The most that can be effected at present is to prevent exceptionably high rates from being imposed on land fit for Mulberry cultivation which must be attained by limiting the assessment to the highest rate levied on wet cultivation which is Rs. 16–0–8 per Candy (or 7–12–4 per acre) as shewn for the Muddoor Talook in the statement submitted with my letter No. 455 dated the 28th Ultimo.

9 Colonel Dobbs in revising

No 409.

1862

From The Superint[t] Bangalore &c

To The Secretary to the Govt of Mysore

Dated 15th August

Despatched 15-9-

Received 18th-9-

Enclosures, No. 1

No 302

Subject.

States in reply to Circular No 89 of the 4th Instant, that the assessment on mulberry cultivation is rather high & therefore suggests reduced rates

Orders.

The proposed reduction in the assessment may be made; but I prefer reserving the question of reducing the Sayer rates in silk for the present, as it is possible that others may be also highly taxed and it would be well not to remit the Sayer revenue in districts if it can be avoided. D 19/8/62

Ont. value of rice duty in Rupees 0,04,094. 6. 9.

Superintendent's Office
Bangalore 11th August 1862.

J. W. Meeks
Superintendent
Bangalore Division

[redacted] In S. J.

Duty Collected
Rupees.

Quantity of Silk on which
Sayer duty has been collected
at 5 per Cent. on Current
Prices of each month is Rupees 7,940. 17. 19½ 41,708. 12. 2.
The duty is levied from the
Merchants who purchase the Silk.—

Sh. annas. Pandums. — Pandy. Gordon. Pyalis. Assessments. Rupees.

In 8. Estates of lands under Mulberry Cultivation for the post years. — 3,775 . 12 . 13/4. 52.017 . 6 . 1.

— Rates of Assessments as follows: —

C/s. Rupees.

Irrigated by Canals. —— 4 . 1 . 2 . 8.

—— Do —— Percg. and Wells —— 3 . " . 14 . "

—— Do —— Bowry. and. wells & sick. ab. Jerwiter effected 2 . " . 9 . 4.

No other tax is imposed on the Cultivators who are a

No. 302.

Superintendent's Office
Bangalore 15th August 1862

From Lieut. Colonel R. S. Sobbs
Superintendent of the
Bangalore Division

To The Secretary to the [illegible]

5 to 4 percent on the value of the silk

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

J. M. Mott

Superintendent

Brindabella Division

for the Government of [redacted] territories
of the Rajah of Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your Circular No. 89 of the 4th Inst.,
and to submit a Memorandum furnishing the information called for

not with me
D

connected with the Silk trade.

2 I believe the conclusion arrived at by Mr. Bowring is borne out by the fact, that smuggling has greatly increased, since the Sayer duty was raised from 2 to 5 per cent, on the value of the produce, and the assessment on Mulberry cultivation though great

[redacted] rate, as I think still rather too high. I would under this conviction suggest that Mulberry garden land irrigated by tanks be reduced from 1:2:8 to 1 Rupee; by rivers and Nullahs from 14 to 12 annas; and by wells from 11-9-4 to 8 annas: the Sayer duty might be also reduced from

the Bangalore rates recommended as the extreme 20 and 10 Rupees per Candy in that Division where special rate for Mulberry cultivation has been an established principle of appraisement. The most objectionable feature in the system here is permitting competition which has been the real cause of the existence of rates for Mulberry double the highest wet-assessment, and appears to act prejudicially in creating a general feeling of apprehension that these high rates will be taken as a standard and applied at sometime or other to all land capable of growing Mulberry.

10. Past errors could not be well corrected except by actual measurement of every Mulberry garden, but I believe considerable stimulus would be given to the species of cultivation by directing that no land should be assessed higher than that of the neighbouring wet-lands, and that the usual rules regarding the right of the first applicant to have the land applied for should be strictly adhered to.

11. In illustration of the evils of the competition system I may mention that the bed of a breached tank in the Muddoor Taluk raised in the margin which was applied for by the Ryots at Bengalore at half the wet-rate (at which under-

Chennada moodra

ordinary

ordinary circumstances it would have been granted to them as first applicants but was subsequently in consequence of an application from another party put up to competition and the assessment consequently raised by the spirit of opposition to Rs. 29-1-6 per Candy. Thomas at Muddoor lately disclaimed the bed of a tank close to the town which had silted up, for which repeated applications had been made, but for which acceptance had been postponed because higher offers continued to be received, when I found that the rate offered Rs. 46-8-0 was double the assessment of similar ground close by already planted with Mulberry By permitting competition the rates are both artificially raised by rivalry & spite and their motives to an unnatural height and the already existing inequalities of assessment are unnecessarily multiplied. In my opinion the system ought to be abandoned without delay.

2- In reply to the last point requiring notice viz: the tax on silk looms I may say that there are no looms of this kind either in Muddoor or Nagamangalam. Silk and other cloths are however manufactured indiscriminately on the same looms in some parts of the Division and on such

such the first class standard for Cocoons 1/2 3/- Rs is levied. This tax is paid by weavers who are a class entirely separate from the Mulberry cultivators and Silk Winders. The two latter branches of industry are sometimes combined and sometimes conducted separately.

13. An advalorem duty of 5 per cent is levied upon the raw silk & also upon it in its manufactured state, the aggregate imposit being 10 per cent upon the Value. But the amount realized in this Division should be taken at 5 Rs only as almost all the silk produced here is exported to other parts of the Country. A Sum of Rs 9641-10-6 was collected in the whole Division last year under the head of Sayer upon 1899 Maunds and 34 1/4 Seers of Silk Valued at Rs 1,92,515-11-10 which gives 17 Seers 4 2/4 Chittacks in Value per acre upon the Lands under Mulberry cultivation, but from enquiries I made at Muddoor the annual return for an acre of land well cultivated would appear to be about 75 Seers Valued at about 250 Rs admitting most unbounded error in the recorded area of the Land under Mulberry cultivation and taking the average of Silk produced at 50 Seers per acre this last is consumption

of the well known imprisonment that enormous smuggling is carried on with regard to silk.

14 In Bangalore the Hobly servants keep an account of the quantity of silk assumed to be in the possession of each individual which is afterwards compared with the buyer collections. Although there is by no means effectual it still acts as a check to some extent and will be tried experimentally here, but from the ease with which large quantities of silk can be concealed & removed there will always be great room for frauds in the revenue.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servant

A. H. Hay
Superintendent
A. D.

Item :

Write to the Sup.ts that I am led to believe from enquiries made by me at Madoor and other places between Mysore and Bangalore that there is an undue pressure upon the silk trade. Request the Divisional Officers to report what extent of land is under Mulberry cultivation in their respective Charges, what the assessment on such land is, and on what principle it is based. In connection with this they should report what tax is levied on silk looms, and whether it is paid by silk growers who also hold mulberry lands. In short I wish to be supplied with statistical regarding the nature of the imposts on the silk trade, so

enable me to form
a satisfactory conclusion
whether this branch of
industry is, as I believe
to be the case, heavily
taxed.

D 29/1/16

14	"	23	7	4	"	3	10 3/4	4	4	2
15	"	21	13	3	18	4	3/4	389	"	3
16	"	21	"	8	2	"	9 3/4	45	10	6
17	"	20	6	8	4	5	11 1/4	89	1	5
18	"	20	"	"	"	17	14 1/2	17	14	8
19	"	19	5	4	"	4	11	4	1	5
20	"	19	2	8	"	1	3 1/4	1	"	11
21	"	18	15	4	2	2	6 3/4	38	12	9
22	"	18	12	"	30	11	3 1/2	568	12	9
23	"	18	5	4	"	3	3	2	13	6
24	"	17	14	8	"	4	2 1/2	3	10	4
25	"	16	14	"	"	13	7 1/4	12	3	"
26	"	16	10	8	"	1	8 1/2	1	4	2
27	"	16	4	"	"	3	7 1/2	2	12	9
28	"	15	5	"	"	2	15 1/4	2	4	4
29	"	15	"	"	"	8	4 1/4	6	2	2
30	"	14	3	"	210	16	8 1/2	2094	13	10
31	"	14	2	8	1	1	11	15	6	9
32	"	13	12	"	"	17	14	11	15	5
33	"	13	2	"	2	9	3 3/4	31	3	6
34	"	11	10	8	10	12	1/2	126	2	7
35	"	11	7	4	"	8	12	4	13	5
36	"									
37	"	10	8	4	7	19	9 1/2	84	12	11
38	"	10	8	"	1	14	3/4	17	15	6
39	"	10	6	8	"	4	15 1/4	2	9	7
40	"	10	"	"	"	12	4	6	1	6
41	"	9	7	8	"	10	8	4	15	2
42	"	8	13	8	"	0	12	4	6	

49	"	6	1	6	51	6	14 1/4	313	2	9
50	Ditzyan	10	14	"	1	8	8 1/2	16	1	4
51	"	9	"	"	1	5	1 1/2	11	4	3
52	"	8	15	4	"	5	"	2	3	6
53	"	8	12	"	"	5	12 1/4	2	8	11
54	"	7	3	"	17	4	12	123	7	10
55	"	6	13	"	3	5	4 1/2	22	13	3
56	"	6	5	8	"	6	12	2	"	11
57	"	6	4	"	"	3	1	2	"	2
58	"	5	13	4	"	7	15 3/4	2	5	2
59	"	4	14	"	"	18	6 3/4	4	6	7
60	"	4	9	4	"	3	8	1	9	7
61	"	2	3	"	"	2	14 1/4	"	5	2
62	Ditzyan	6	12	"	15	14	15 3/4	105	"	9
	Total							7314	5	4

Superintendent's Office
Stagnant Division
Alexandria
15th September 1862

Superintendent
A. D.

Statement Showing the Excavation & Embankment Executed on the [illegible] of the [illegible] Railway

No. of Cutting	Description of Lands on which Excavation is Known	Quantity of Excavation			Quantity of Embankment			Quantity of Excavation Embankment for 1861/62			Remarks
		Rds	A	P	Cubic Yards	Co	Inn	Rds	A	P	
1	Dry	93	12	"	"	2	12½	13	6	9	The dry Cutting is Equal to 64,000 Square Yards, and wet or Bengar 10000 Yards.
2	"	64	1	"	"	3	½	9	13	2	
3	"	56	10	8	"	16	14¼	45	14	5	
4	"	55	8	4	"	6	15¼	18	"	1	
5	"	46	10	8	23	5	6¼	1016	12	"	
6	"	32	8	"	3	13¾	1¾	4	15	"	
7	"	31	4	"	"	8	13¾	12	14	7	
8	"	30	6	8	"	2	13	4	6	6	
9	"	29	1	5	"	"	12¾	1	4	5	
10	"	22	"	"	3	13	8¾	82	1	4	
11	Wet	61	2	4	"	3	¾	9	4	2	
12	"	40	11	8	5	3	½	203	10	1	
13	"	29	1	5	16	14	3	478	2	5	

No 89 Circular

Mysore Commissioner's Office

To The Superintendents of the
Bangalore, Nelagram
Mysore and Chittledroog
Divisions.

Sir,

By desire of the Commissioner I have the honor to inform You that from Enquiries made by him at Maddoor and other places between Mysore and Bangalore, he is led to believe that there is an undue pressure upon the Silk Trade.

2. I am therefore to request that You will be good enough to furnish a Report upon the system

points noted in the Margin, and submit such general statistics regarding the nature of the imposts on the Silk trade, as will enable him to form a satisfactory conclusion and judge whether this branch of industry, is, as he supposes it to be, heavily taxed.

+ 1 The extent of land under Mulberry Cultivation

2 The assessment on such land, and the principle it is based upon.

3 The rates levied on Silk looms, and whether they are paid by Silk growers who also hire Mulberry lands.

I have &c

Secretary.

Bangalore
4th Augt 1862

1862 No. 400

From the Supdt. to A. D. C.

To the Secy to the Commr.
Bangalore.

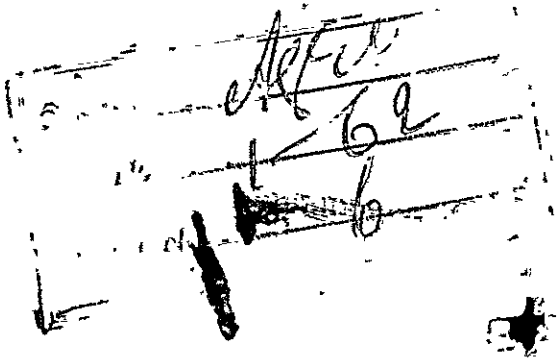
Dated 15th September 1862

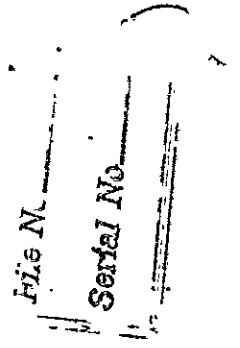
Despatched 16 " "

Received 18th " "

Enclosures, No. 1

No. 480





Subject.

Reports upon the several points enumerated in Circular-letter No. 89 of 14th ultimo relating to the cultivation of the Mulberry &c.

Orders.

1862 Rec'd

From the Supt. of the Negapur &c
To the Secretary to the Govt of Bengal
Dated 7th Augt
Despatched 8th "
Received 11th "

Enclosures, No.

No. 223

Subject.

Reply to circular letter No. 89 dated 4th Inst. regarding Queensberry Cantonment Plan &c &c &c

Orders.

With other papers
D 12/8/62

No. 223

Sugpur Division
Superintendents' Office

To

The Secretary to the Commissioner
for the Government of the Territories
of H.H. the Rajah of Mysore

Sir,

In reply to your Circular letter No. 89. of the 4th Instant, I have the honor to state for the Commissioner's information, that throughout the whole Division there is only one quarter Coodee of land under Mulberry cultivation, which pays an annual rent of Annas 8-5; this being the Jumma assessment on the field, and that there is not a single silk loom in Sugpur.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obed.t Servant

Superintendent.

Shemoga
7th August
1862

No. 156.

Mysore Commr's Office

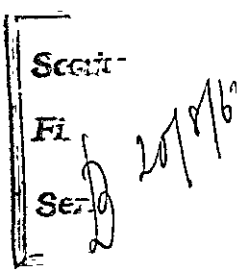
To

The Superintendent

Bangalore Dn

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 302 of the 15th inst and to state by desire of the Commissioner that the proposed reduction in the assessment may be made, but he prefers reserving the question of lowering the Sayer rates on Silks for the present as it is possible that other items are also highly taxed, ~~that~~ and ~~prohibitory~~ that, he thinks



it desirable to
any modifications of the Rules
consider as unwise
instead of ordering
fragmentary alter-
ations of the Rules

Bangalore
20th August 1862

I have &c
Secretary.

1862 No. 186.

To.

The Superintendent

Bangalow D.

Dated Dept. 20th August

No. 186.

In reply to letter

No. 302 of the 15th inst.

conveys sanction to the

proposed reduction in

the assessment, such reserve

the question, for the present,

of lowering the rates on

Silk.—

No. 269.

1862.

From Offs. Supt. of Cultivation

To Secy. to Commr. of Lds. & Wks.

Dated 22nd

Despatched 23rd August

Received 25th

Enclosures, None.

No. 141.

Subject.

Submits the Report called for relative to the Silk Trade and Mulberry Cultivation in this Division.

Orders.

On receipt of a reply from Abbaspore I wish to have a better Statement made out shewing the rates on Mulberry Land in each Dist., all being placed on the same scale of measurement and appraisement.

Jessore 25/8/62

Particulars of the Extent of land under Mulberry Cultivation, and the rates of Assessment paid for it – 1861/62.

Assessment	Rs	As	P	Rs	As	P	Extent of Land: Candies	Coodoos	Sum	Total of Tundayem: Rs	As	P	
	Tundayem. Per Coodoo			Per Candy.									
Coodoo of 750 Square Yards	1	2	8	25	8	"	79	2	11½	1249	5	4	
	—	14	"	17	8	"	16	6	½	225	12	11	
	"	9	4	11	10	8	6	9	14	60	1	1	
Total							101	18	10	1535	3	4	
Coodoos of 500 Sqr Yds	2	"	"	40	"	"	1	"	1	40	2	"	
	1	5	"	26	4	"	1	10	10	34	"	2	
	1	4	4	25	6	8	"	1	12	2	4	1	
	1	2	8	23	5	4	2	11	10	59	8	8	
	"	14	"	17	8	"	200	13	2	3458	4	7	
	"	12	10	16	8	"	1	3	13¾	19	8	"	
	"	11	8	14	9	4	1	13	10	23	14	11	
	"	9	4	11	10	8	21	6	9½	243	1	4	
Total							230	"	12¾	3880	11	9	
Total of Salar Assarah lands							331	19	6¾	5415	15	1	
Coodoo of 750 Sq. Yds	"	9	4	11	10	8	2	"	11	15	3	10	
Coodoos of 500 Yards	"	14	"	17	8	"	44	6	5	809	5	1	
	"	12	10	16	"	8	1	13	¼	26	4	7	
	"	12	9	15	15	"	12	1	6½	187	13	7	
	"	11	8	14	9	4	106	5	12½	1578	10	8	
	"	10	"	12	8	"	21	6	15½	266	13	9	
	"	9	4	11	10	8	273	15	1¼	3190	8	7	
	"	8	"	10	"	"	2	"	1	1	"	4	
	"	7	"	8	12	"	15	10	"	135	4	6	
	"	4	8	5	13	4	9	5	5¾	54	1	"	
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	"	5	Seersarigah
Total							484	6	10½	6263	14	6	
Total of land under wells				—	—	—	486	7	5½	6279	2	4	
Coodoo of 500 Sqr Yds	"	14	"	14	8	"	7	7	12	106	15	1	
	"	12	9	15	15	"	1	5	"	14	4	"	
	"	9	4	11	10	8	31	16	10¾	338	3	11	
Total							39	5	11¼	446	1	4	
Grand Total of Mulberry lands							857	12	8	12141	2	9	

Toomkoor
August 1862

Asst. Superintendent